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(U) Los Angeles – 30 Arrests Made in Operation Targeting Violent Crime in LA

(U) Authorities arrested 30 individuals wanted for violent crimes in Los Angeles in a three-day joint federal, state, and local effort. Operation FAST was led by the LA Police Department's Gang and Narcotics Division. The violent crime charges included murder, attempted murder, great bodily injury to a child, armed robbery, rape of a child under 14, and assault with a deadly weapon. The arrested suspects included 15 undocumented gang members and 10 firearms were seized. The operation included 15 local, state, and federal agencies including the United States Marshals Service and Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force.

SOURCE: 14 April 2022, [NBC LA](#)

(U) San Jose – Three Charged in Connection with Christmas Chaos at Oakridge Mall

(U) Authorities announced a San Jose man and two alleged gang members were arrested and charged for their involvement in the Oakridge mall shooting before last Christmas. The San Jose suspect fired his handgun at the two gang members who robbed him and his girlfriend, snatching their jewelry. The mall went into lockdown as police responded to multiple reports of an active shooter. All three suspects ran away during the chaos. No one was injured in the shooting. Authorities located DNA that linked the San Jose suspect to the evidence recovered from the Oakridge shooting. The investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected.

SOURCE: 14 April 2022, [Fox KTVU](#)

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(U) Hawaii – DHS Investigators Say they Foiled Cyberattack on Undersea Internet Cable

(U) Honolulu – Federal agents in Honolulu “disrupted” and apparent cyberattack on an unnamed telecommunications company's servers associated with an underwater cable responsible for internet, cable service and cell connections in Hawaii and the region. Hawaii-based agents received a tip from their mainland counterparts that led to the disruption of a “significant breach involving a private company's servers associated with an undersea cable.” Investigators have not identified the type of cyberattack alleged to have occurred, or the hacking group responsible. No damage or disruption occurred, and an investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 13 April 2022, [CyberScoop](#)

(U) Massachusetts – US Agencies Issue Alert on Industrial Control System Malware

(U) Boston – Multiple US government agencies issued a joint alert warning of the discovery of malicious cyber tools created by unnamed advanced threat actors that they advise could gain “full system access” to multiple industrial control systems. The public alert from the Energy and Homeland Security Departments, the FBI, and National Security Agency did not name the actors or offer details on the find.

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The US government has warned critical infrastructure industries to gird for possible cyberattacks from Russia as retaliation for severe economic sanctions imposed on Moscow in response to the invasion of Ukraine in February.

SOURCE: 13 April 2022, [US News](#)

(U) New Jersey – Man Promised ‘Blood Bath’ in Antisemitic Attacks Targeting Orthodox Jews

(U) Ocean County – Authorities charged a suspect with multiple offenses including attempted murder and bias intimidation for the violence that included stabbing an Orthodox Jewish man in the chest, a carjacking and hitting pedestrians with a car. The “antisemitic crime spree” occurred over multiple hours in Ocean County with the accused telling his family that “it’s going to be a blood bath” and called Jews “the real devils” according to police reports. The suspect was apprehended through an anonymous, concerned citizen’s tip to law enforcement. The area is home to a majority Orthodox Jewish community, as well as a smaller Hasidic community. An investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 13 April 2022, [NJ.com](#)

(U) New York – DOJ Charges Three Russians with Running Disinformation Network in US

(U) Manhattan – Authorities charged a high-ranking Russian legislator and two of his staffers with running a years long scheme to influence US officials and peddle disinformation to advance the Kremlin’s interests. The three Russians, who have previously been sanctioned by the US, worked to undermine America’s international alliances and policies and “promote Russia’s illicit actions designed to destroy the sovereignty of Ukraine.” The scheme included “staged events, paid propaganda, and the recruitment of at least one American citizen to do their bidding in unofficial capacities.” The Russians are charged with conspiring to act as Russian agents in the US without notifying the attorney general and conspiring to commit visa fraud.

SOURCE: 14 April 2022, [CNBC](#)

(U) Virginia – British ISIS Member Convicted on All Counts for Deadly Kidnapping Plot

(U) Alexandria – A federal jury has convicted one of the three British men accused of operating a brutal ISIS hostage-taking scheme on all counts in Virginia for his role in the plot which led to the deaths of four Americans. The jury found the suspect guilty on eight charges, including four counts of hostage taking resulting in death, murder conspiracy, and conspiracy to provide material support to a terror organization. Collectively known as the “Beatles” for their British accents, the group worked together to kidnap and abuse more than two dozen Western hostages. The suspect faces a life sentence.

SOURCE: 14 April 2022, [Yahoo News](#)

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(U) Israel – Over 150 Injured in Clashes at al-Aqsa Mosque Compound

(U) Jerusalem – Authorities said more than 150 Palestinians have been injured in clashes with Israeli police at the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem. Israeli police advise officers entered the site after coming under attack with fireworks. Three Israeli police officers were injured. The flashpoint site is deeply important to Muslims and Jews, who know it as the Temple Mount, and is at the heart of competing historical claims. Israeli-Palestinian tension have soared recently after deadly attacks in Israel and Palestinian deaths during subsequent Israeli raids in the occupied West Bank. The recent surge in violence comes at a particularly volatile time, with the start of the Jewish festival of Passover coinciding with the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and the Christian festival of Easter.

SOURCE: 15 April 2022, [BBC News](#)

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(U) Yemen – Ten Al-Qa’ida Inmates Escape from Prison in Eastern Yemen

(U) Sanaa – Government officials in Yemen said that ten al-Qa’ida militants have escaped from prison in the country’s eastern province of Hadramawt. The inmates staged a quarrel among themselves at the prison, forcing guards to intervene. The prisoners overpowered the guards, seizing their Kalashnikov rifles and binding their hands before running away. Preliminary investigations indicated that the inmates must have coordinated their move with prison guards who collaborated, as well as other militants from outside. The Yemen-based Al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula has long been considered the global network’s most dangerous branch and has attempted to carry out attacks on the US mainland.

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